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For : STAPLER FOR ENDOSCOPES  
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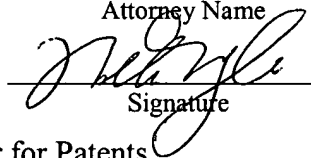
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.